

THE EBOLA FUND

Enabling philanthropists and individuals to support Ebola response and preparation

THE ONGOING EBOLA CRISIS

The second-largest Ebola outbreak in history is occurring right now in the North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The current outbreak is occurring in an active conflict area, where there have been attacks on medical personnel and treatment centers. The security situation is complex and there is great risk that the outbreak will spread over international borders. As of June 29, 2019, there were 2,325 cases, including 1,563 deaths. There are 309 suspected cases being investigated.

“The outbreak is at a tipping point. During the West Africa outbreak, this is the point at which infections started to increase.”

- Ronald Klain, Former Ebola Response Coordinator for the Executive Office of the President

THE NEED FOR THE EBOLA FUND

The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is at a tipping point. Despite the urgency and the need for additional funding, philanthropic donors have not stepped up as they did in response to the West Africa Ebola outbreak in 2014. Philanthropic funding is flexible and fast, and is critical to support the emergency response to contain the virus.

The Ebola Fund was created to enable philanthropists and individual donors to support response to, and preparation for, Ebola outbreaks. The Fund provides a mechanism to direct resources from donors towards the greatest need as determined by experts on the ground.

The purpose of The Ebola Fund is to rapidly deploy resources to the organizations who are working at the core of the emergency response and are outlined in the formal Strategic Response Plan. This Plan was developed in partnership between the DRC and the World Health Organization (WHO), and is a comprehensive overview of the needs for the response and the partners who are implementing it. The current Strategic Response Plan is for February – July 2019, and is expected to be updated soon based on the evolving situation on the ground.

The Ebola Fund is aligned with advocacy efforts to encourage donor countries to do more to support the Ebola response.

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HOW THE FUND WORKS

The first priority of The Ebola Fund is to support immediate, on-the-ground needs in response to the current outbreak. The Fund's Advisory Committee will consult with the WHO to determine the highest priority and best use of resources. Initial funding will go to organizations who are part of the Strategic Response Plan. A member of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme will be a technical liaison to The Ebola Fund to ensure that response funding aligns with the Plan. The Fund will also support preparedness activities and responses to future outbreaks.

ORIGINS OF THE FUND

The Ebola Fund was created by Gabrielle Fitzgerald, CEO of Panorama Global. In 2014, Gabrielle led a \$100 million philanthropic initiative to respond to the West Africa Ebola outbreak. She is a believer in systems change and collaborative philanthropy, and created The Ebola Fund to ensure there is a streamlined, effective way to apply philanthropic sources and individual donations to Ebola outbreak response and preparation.

For more information, visit www.TheEbolaFund.org or write to TheEbolaFund@panoramaglobal.org.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee will provide guidance to The Ebola Fund. Current members include:

- Gabrielle Fitzgerald, CEO, Panorama Global (Former Director, Paul G. Allen Ebola Program)
- David Nabarro, CEO, 4SD (Former United Nations Special Envoy for Ebola)
- Ronald Klain, General Counsel, Revolution (Former Ebola Response Coordinator for the Executive Office of the President)

